

ORIENTAL CLUBS.

Any Almost Any Society For Any Purpose Can Succeed.

The oriental is passionately fond of club life and the smaller the degree of personal liberty he enjoys in ordinary life the more intense is his enjoyment of membership in some brotherhood. It does not make very much difference what the nature of the club may be; it is the mere joy of club life irrespective of object or principle, that appeals to him. Having once tasted this joy, he will do much rather than forego a continuance of it. Oriental society is so constituted that the family or clan is the social unit and not the individual. A man cannot be alone in his punishments, for they are also visited in greater or less degree upon his relatives as well. He cannot enjoy or suffer alone. Now, a club or society is a much smaller organization than society as a whole, and the individual forms a correspondingly larger fraction of it. This is an immense stimulus to self esteem. The man becomes somebody. This explains why almost any society, irrespective of its object, can instantly gather a numerous and enthusiastic constituency. Any man with a little tact could go out on the streets of Seoul and in twenty-four hours establish a society for the cultivation of mushrooms on thatched roofs, with president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee complete and a membership list as long as a piece of string, if not longer. Why? Simply because membership in "any old" society does just a little to lift a man out of the humdrum of life.

—Koren News.

THE CLIMBING PERCH.

An East Indian Fish That Travels Over the Land.

As a rule, fish come out of the water only at the end of a line or by other involuntary process, but the climbing perch of the East Indies thinks nothing of leaving a pool with which it is not satisfied and starting overland in search of one more to its taste.

This usually happens as a result of the evaporation of a pool in the extremely dry season. When the fish decide that the water in the particular pool formed during the rainy season is in danger of drying out completely they make all preparations for moving and late at night or early in the morning deliberately climb the banks and start off in search of some more commodious pool or stream not in danger of going dry. When the journey is made at the hour it usually is the fish are favored by the heavy dew which lies on the grass, but if an emergency arises they will "strike out at noon time along the dusty road."

They travel by means of the strong bony fins which are full of sharp spines, like those of the common perch. They have a receptacle in which they carry water with them to moisten their gills. It is said that they will live several days out of water, and with the assistance of the dew laden grass the fish that starts in search of a satisfactory pool or stream is practically sure of living until it finds it. —Brockton Times.

Origin of "Jesuits."

The members of the Society of Jesus appear first to have been given their familiar short name, "Jesuits," by none other than Calvin. Pope Sixtus V attempted to change their name from "Society of Jesus" to "Society of Ignatius" after their founder, Ignatius Loyola, but the attempt miscarried, and the Jesuits have never become "Ignatians," after the model of the Franciscans, Dominicans and Benedictines, although their enemies in Spain used to call them "Inigistas" (Inigo being the Spanish original of Loyola's Christian name). In France after their expulsion in 1763 those who ventured to remain temporarily called themselves "Fathers of the Faith," or "Clerks of the Sacred Heart." —London Chronicle.

The Daytime Nap.

Prolonged "forty winks" during the day are severely condemned by many doctors on the ground that they affect one's regular sleep. Scientists have found that in the ordinary course in the human being there is the greatest vitality between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. and the least between 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the morning. Long sleeps during the day interfere with this order of nature, sometimes causing headache. The nap of forty winks, but only forty, proves refreshing to many because it is too short to have any injurious consequences.

MAGNAMINITY.

Magnaminty is never coupled with weakness. The large soul that embraces all mankind in love and sympathy, that is tender, compassionate and generous, is also strong, resolute and firm whenever principle, justice and truth are concerned. There is no cruelty like that of weakness; there is no power and courage and energy like those of true magnaminty.

Knew the Game.

Mother (who has been asked to suggest a game for a rainy afternoon)—Why don't you pretend you are me? And George can be daddy. Then you might play at housekeeping. Daughter—but mother, we've quarreled once already.—Punch.

Open Mouthed.

Conceited Actor—You should have seen the audience sitting open mouthed when I was playing Hamlet last night. Critic—it must be dreadful to see an entire audience all yawning at once.

What a strange scene if the surge of conversation could suddenly ebb like a tide and show us the real state of people's minds!—Scott

THE TELEGRAPH.

Opposition and Rebuks With Which Morse Had to Content.

The Morse telegraph invention lived for years in the hands of its shrewd inventor because capitalists were indifferent or incapable of appreciating its merits.

It was several years before congress voted an appropriation to allow its inventor to make a practical test of it, and burlesque bills were offered to provide means for communicating with the man in the moon.

"He's a very good, but shiftless painter, if he would only stick to his job," some one said of Morse. "The idea of telling by a little streak of lightning what a body is saying at the other end of a wire!"

His instrument, it was said, was all very well as a mantel ornament or for a mistress to call her maid, but the wires couldn't cross rivers, oceans and deserts.

Even after the line was up between Washington and Baltimore and Silas Wright sent a dispatch to the Democratic convention at Baltimore declining its nomination of him to the vice presidency, it was not accepted as true until a committee went to Washington and returned with the confirmation of the report.

There was similar though less objection offered to the overland telegraph. Senator Benton declared that it would be impossible to operate it, because the Digger Indians would cut the wires to make hooks for digging up the roots and beetles on which they lived. —Sun-day Magazine.

BULLIOT'S BET.

A Banker's Wager on St. Swithin's Day Rain Legend.

There were few frenzied financiers in England at the beginning of the eighteenth century if the banker Bulliot, of whom the following story is told, can be taken as an example: The feast of St. Swithin, July 15, 1725, was a particularly wet and stormy day.

Trusting implicitly in the old superstition, which says that if it rains on St. Swithin's day it will rain for forty days thereafter, Bulliot opened a pool for every one who was willing to bet against him. The affair attained so much notoriety that the wager was reduced to writing.

"If dating from St. Swithin's day," reads the memorandum, "it rains more or little during forty days successively Bulliot will be considered to have gained, but if it cease to rain for only one day during that time Bulliot has lost."

For two weeks it contained to shower every day, and so confident did the banker become that he accepted as stakes not only money, but gold headed canes, jewels, snuffboxes and even clothes. When his cash gave out he offered notes and bills of exchange. Another week passed, and Bulliot's star was still in the ascendant.

But when the twenty-second day sank into the west bright and cloudy the unfortunate banker was ruined. The third small hand which the Italians wear for their supposed good is the so called Manus Pontificis, or the hand of the Holy Father. It shows the four fingers held out closely together, and the thumb alone is curved under the palm of the hand. As the Manus Panthea, it is covered on the outside with mystical symbols. —Washington Star.

FOIBLES OF LITERARY MEN.

Keats liked red pepper on his toast. Dickens was fond of wearing jewelry.

Daudet wore his eyeglasses when asleep.

Joaquin Miller naps all his chairs to the wall.

Hawthorne always washed his hands before reading a letter from his wife.

Alexandre Dumas the younger bought a new painting every time he had a new book published.

Thackeray used to lift his hat whenever he passed the house in which he wrote "Vanity Fair."

Robert Browning could not sit still. With the constant shuffling of his feet holes were worn in the carpet.

Robert Louis Stevenson's favorite recreation was playing the flute in order, as he said, to tune up his ideas.

Darwin had no respect for books and would cut a big volume in two for convenience in handling, or he would tear out the leaves he required for reference.

No Sweethearts in Ireland.

Through a great part of Ireland public opinion, molded by the clergy, separates the sexes as far as possible. At the church door and wherever else they congregate men group on one side, women on the other. It is not well thought of for people of opposite sexes to be seen walking along the road together even to a market. The position certainly of some ecclesiastics has been made definite by the refusal of certain bishops to allow "mixed classes" in branches of the Gaelic League. On the whole, public opinion discourages whatever can be justly or even unjustly set down as sweethearts. —Edinburgh Review.

The Barred Maine.

Perhaps the most notable native bird of the Sandwich Islands was the manmo, which has been extinct comparatively only a few years. It had two little tufts of yellow feathers on its wings, which were used exclusively in the manufacture of cloaks worn by the kings of those islands. The estimated value of one of the cloaks is \$200,000, and it took an almost indefinite number of birds to furnish the feathers. —London Times.

Thunder and Lightning.

Here is a Georgia youngster's definition of thunder and lightning:

"The thunder is maw readin' a lecture to paw, an' the lightning is paw-runnin' to git away from it. But I doubt if lightning kin beat him when he jumps the garden fence an' hits the grit!" —Atlanta Constitution.

All in the Felt of View.

"It seems a terrible thing to lead a dog's life," panted the cur with the tin attachment, crawling into a corner to rest himself.

"Oh, I don't know!" contentedly answered the lap dog. —Chicago Tribune.

Self Esteem.

Druggist—Huh! You seem to think you are the boss of this establishment.

New Clerk—Oh, no, sir. Druggist—Then why do you talk like a blooming idiot? Exchange.

Very Simple.

"Miss Short says she's thirty, but I'm sure she is thirty-six, every year of it."

"Well, you see, she was six before she learned to count."

EVIL EYE CHARMS.

The True Italian Charm is in the Shape of a Tiny Hand.

In Italy the aristocracy still protects itself from the evil eye, and the multitude is still devoted to the little evil eye charms to secure immunity from disaster.

The true evil eye charm of the Italian is in the shape of a tiny hand, the index and the little finger being pointed out and the third and fourth fingers being held down by the thumb. The charm, however, is merely a representation of the way in which the Italian holds his hand. When pointed outward it wishes to cast the evil eye on an enemy, or when turned toward himself he thinks to protect himself from its malicious spell.

This little charm can be bought in Italy of various materials, coral, tortoise shell, silver and gold being the ones in highest favor. The coral charms are those worn by the poorer classes, since of a cheap grade of the material they can be bought for a few sous. Naturally the aristocracy prefer them of gold. In Italian money these tiny things then cost the equivalent of about \$8. Sometimes they are seen exquisitely modeled, the fingers and nails being as carefully chiseled as marble statues.

Another small hand that the Italian wears as a charm is known as the Manus Panthea, a facsimile of which is to be found in the museum in Rome. It is referred to in various Egyptian papyri, and indeed was worn by the ancients to prevent disease and witchcraft and the evil eye from taking hold of them and to induce love and amability.

This hand has the thumb, the index and the middle fingers held out in a straight line, while the other two are turned under toward the palm of the hand. Instead of being smooth on its outer surface, as is the evil eye hand, it is covered with many mystical symbols—tooth, a serpent, and so on. Each of these little signs has its peculiar charm and is as well understood and believed among the Italians today as formerly among the Egyptian magicians.

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bales and cases of Holiday Goods

have been pouring

into our receiving room,

and as rapidly as

they could be checked,

marked and placed they

have been brought forward.

Day by day the displays in every department in which gift things are sold have been growing into the fulness of holiday bloom and the store has for some time looked very much as you expect it to look in the midst of the holiday season. Now we are ready to announce that everything is in readiness.

The store never held such gigantic stocks, never displayed such a multitude of gift things, never showed such variety, never had such splendid facilities for transacting the enormous business sure to come to us this season.

A vast army of employees—Our regular force augmented by more than a thousand extra helpers, are eager for the busy times ahead. We never had a more intelligent lot of salespeople, and we hope to serve you better than we ever have. Several hundred people will be employed in the delivery department alone and probably 150 wagons will be utilized to deliver goods to private homes.

Impossible a fire, is by odds the safest, as well as the most comfortable of holiday stores.

The illuminations will, as always, be beautiful and the great Giant Santa Claus will greet the children in the Grand Aisle.

The real Santa Claus will be here from December 3 till Christmas, when the little children may visit him and send in their requests for the things they would like to find about the tree or in their stockings on Christmas morning. Santa Claus will also give every little visitor a free gift.

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